

# AMERICA HAS VIOLATED THE CONSTITUTION SAYS LEWIS

ATTORNEY J. VANCE LEWIS ON LYNCHING IN U. S.

(By Cleveland G. Allen.)

New York, May 22. Hon. J. V. Lewis, noted Negro lawyer and widely known throughout the country as an orator, speaking before a large audience at the Mother Zion A. M. E. Church, last Sunday afternoon, took out against the lynching evil in this country and said that this practice in America must stop, if she is to have her rightful place among the nations of the world. It was one of the strongest protest against mob rule ever heard in this city, and the large audience applauded the strong utterances of the speaker.

The meeting was under the auspices of the John G. Price Lyceum. A musical and literary program preceded the address.

Mr. Lewis who came to this city from Texas, and who was recently admitted to the New York bar received an ovation when he rose to speak. His subject was: "The Negro's Place in the Nation." He said in part: "The Negro has made his place in America, and no one has a greater claim to be called American than he. We have fought in every war for the defense of America, and stand ready to do it again if she is in peril. Despite this loyalty the Negro is lynched and burned at the stake. Lynching is one of the greatest evils and disgraces in America. America will not be the nation it ought to be if it is not stopped."

The speaker called attention to the recent lynching and burning of Negroes in Texas and Georgia and said that the only thing that will stop this evil, is the Dyer-Anti-Lynching Bill. He praised this bill and said that every Negro ought to fight for its passage.

Continuing the speaker said: "By its habits of lynching America has broken the constitution. America is in the position of a drowning man who in his distress cries out who will come and help me?" The speaker urged that the Negro take a greater interest in himself and of his past history. He called attention to the Negro's contribution to the civilization of the world and said that it should cause the Negro to hold up his head.

He warned America against trying to settle disputes in other countries when she had problems to settle at home. The address was a strong plea for the rights of the Negro and well received by the large audience. Mr. Lewis has had an interesting career and has made a noted success as a criminal lawyer. He has spoken throughout the country in Republican campaigns.

Mrs. Mildred Winston Dead.

Mrs. Mildred Winston, wife of Oliver Winston, formerly of Richmond, died at her home, in Newport, R. I., Tuesday, May 22. Funeral services were held from her residence at 2000 11th St., on Thursday the 24th and she was laid to rest in Hampton Cemetery.

Mrs. Winston is survived by a sister, Miss Julia Perrin who resides at 2500 11th St., and leaves two adopted daughters, Mary and Eleanor, who intend to keep their home intact.

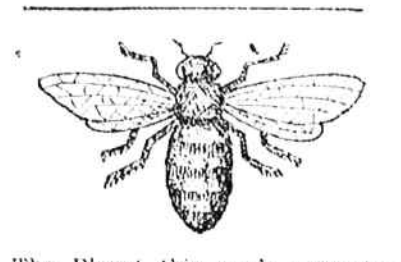
## MINISTERS' CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT HAMPTON INSTITUTE, JUNE 19-25

Hampton, Va., May 22. The Ministers' Conference of Hampton Institute will hold its ninth annual meeting from June 19 to 25, according to an announcement made by the Rev. Laurence Pennington, chaplain of Hampton Institute, who is also the executive secretary of this conference, which was organized to afford an opportunity to ministers of all denominations to meet for a few days of study and discussion of the great common problems that they have in their work. It was attended last summer by 255 ministers of sixteen denominations.

Among the lecturers will be Professor H. J. Cadbury, Andover Theological Seminary, Cambridge, Mass.; Dr. James Hardy Dillard, Charlottesville, Va.; Rev. P. C. Eastman, New York City; Dr. George E. Haynes, New York City; Dr. H. P. Jones, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Dr. B. P. McWilliams, Toledo, Ohio and Franklin O. Nichols, New York City.

# PLANET STARTS A BIG CONTEST BEE-HIVE PICTURE PUZZLE

## Get Busy--Cash Prizes Offered. See Announcement on Page Three.



The Planet this week presents a cleverly worked out word picture game for the edification of its readers. To add zest to the game, we are offering the cash prizes listed under the picture.

There is no game of chance about this picture puzzle. It is a test of good eye and quick wits. And the beauty about it is that the fellow with a lot of book learning doesn't stand more show than the fellow with only a practical education in the school of hard knocks. The former may know in an abstract way, the existence of many things; but the latter knows a "bullhead" when he sees it. So there you are.

At any rate, when they get thru with the puzzle they will both have increased their vocabulary and their knowledge of things "b." From an educational standpoint they will be ahead. From a financial standpoint they are not losers even if they should win no prize. They ought all have the Planet anyway. Incidentally, the Planet ought to get quite a number of new subscribers this way--also a very desirable result of the game.

Turn to page three and see how many objects beginning with the letter "B" you can find in the puzzle picture and follow the rules of the contest.

## SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE CRISPUS ATTUCKS AUXILIARY.

The Crispus Attucks Auxiliary, No. 1, will celebrate its second anniversary Sunday afternoon, May 28th at 3:30. The following program has been arranged and you are urged to be present and take a part in this celebration.

Singing, Junior Choir; Scripture reading, Mrs. Mary P. Brown, Prayers, Mr. Lucius Starks, Chaplain of Crispus Attucks Club; music, Junior Choir; introductory remarks, Mrs. Bettie G. Conning, President; welcome address, Mrs. Marion S. Henry; response, Miss Eva Dickerson, duet, Madames Lucy P. Davis and Martha C. Langhorne; reading, Miss Elena C. Bell; report of the Secretary, Mrs. L. E. Charity; offertory, Mrs. R. E. Adams; Wesley and Mr. John Funn; music, Rev. C. C. Gill, remarks, Mr. Joshua Kinney, President of Crispus Attucks Club; presentation and announcement, Mrs. Edith L. Bradford; Fishers; Miss Bettie Allen, Madames Katherine Drewitt, Minnie M. Starks, Mamie Bailey, Lila Ross, Catherine Meade, Ella Frey, Mistress of Ceremonies, Mrs. Frances Roane, Chairman of Program Committee, Mrs. Louisa R. Allen.

## N. A. A. C. P. LAUNCHES A BIG MEMBERSHIP DRIVE.

OUR SLOGAN--2,500 MEMBERS

On Sunday, May 28th, at 3 o'clock P. M., the N. A. A. C. P., will hold a meeting at the Rising Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Rev. O. B. Simms, Pastor. Rev. W. H. Hoverton, Pastor of the Third Street Bethel A. M. E. Church will deliver the principal address.

On Monday night at 8 o'clock the Association will hold a meeting at the Moore Street Baptist Church, Rev. R. O. Johnson, Pastor. We need you! Come out and let us have your Membership.

Coming, Robert T. Kerlin, former Professor at Virginia Military Institute, June 5th, True Reformers' Hall. Our Slogan--2,500 Members! WM. F. DENNY, Pres. MISS L. L. STANARD, Sec.

## ESCAPES MOB AFTER NECK IS ROPED

Irwinton, Ga., May 24.--Jim Denison, colored, is believed to have shattered all lynching records by escaping from a mob after a rope had been placed around his neck and today he is reported to be attempting to elude a sheriff's posse to reach Macon to take refuge in a "mob-proof" jail.

Denison, convicted of attacking a white woman, was taken from the jail here early yesterday morning, after a battle between jail attendants and a mob. He was placed in an automobile a rope about his neck.

The automobile, soon afterwards, crashed into another machine and the occupants were thrown out. Denison is said to have recovered first and made a hasty exit from the scene.

Irwinton County officers who visited the scene of the automobile accident said they were convinced that Denison escaped. Several farmers in the vicinity reported having seen him running bareheaded across country.

## MEMORIAL EXERCISES.

Memorial Exercises will be held at the National Cemetery, Government Road, Tuesday, May 30, at 3 P. M., under the auspices of the Memorial Association. The various fraternal societies, Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, Good Samaritans, Moses Commandery, Israel, will form at Pythian Castle, 727 N. Third Street, with George A. Custer Post, G. A. R., Richard Davis, Commander, and William H. Hankins, J. Camp, U. S. W. V., Joseph Pinckney, Commander, and the Pythian Cadets.

Sunday, May 29, 11:30 A. M., the memorial service will be preached at Second Baptist Church by the pastor, Rev. Z. D. Lewis, D. D. At the cemetery Tuesday, Rev. O. B. Simms, pastor of Rising Mt. Zion Baptist Church will conduct the devotionals and Rev. W. L. Ransome, D. D., pastor of First Baptist Church, South Richmond will deliver the principal address.

A committee from William A. Hankins Auxiliary is looking after the flowers. Mrs. Alice Williams, chairman. Ex-commander William White is Chief Marshal; Mr. Gus Hayson, Chairman; G. L. Branch, Secretary.

## RESOLUTIONS.

At a regular meeting of the Congress of Calanthe held May 16th, 1922 the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, as it has pleased the Almighty God to remove from our midst Sister Octavia Gordon, who has been for more than one year a member of our Lodge,

Be It Resolved, that the charter of this Lodge be draped for six months from this date, that these resolutions be spread upon the records of this court. Done by the order of Middle Church of Calanthe No. 229, Middle Church, Va.

MARY V. BRANCH W. O. LUCILLE BRANCH R. 3d D.

## In Memoriam.

In sad, but loving remembrance of our dear husband and father, Columbus Ward, who died October 16, 1920:

More and more each day we miss him. Healed, But they little know the sorrow That is in our hearts concealed.

—His Devoted Wife and Children.

## DINING CAR HELD; SEIZED TWO MEMBERS OF CREW.

Roanoke, Va., May 18.--A dining car attached to Norfolk and Western passenger train No. 15 operated from Norfolk to Portsmouth Ohio was seized at Bluefield W. Va. yesterday morning and all members of the crew were arrested by national prohibition agents. It was announced at the company's offices.

After a preliminary hearing before United States Commissioner H. M. Tanner all members of the crew except E. Lovelace, second cook and Joseph Raybon chief cook were released. Lovelace is being held under bond in the sum of \$500 and Raybon under bond in the sum of \$250 for their appearance before the Federal grand jury in Bluefield in June. Raybon, according to information received here is only being held as a material witness in the case.

The officers who seized the dining car were Federal Prohibition Agent R. L. Taylor, State Prohibition Agent Eli Watkins and Deputy Sheriff J. C. Akers.

In the search of the car about one gallon of liquor was found in a locker in the kitchen department of the coach. One pint of liquor was discovered in a pocket of Lovelace's coat which was hanging in a locker and which Lovelace is alleged to have confessed the owner ship.

After the coach had been seized it was cut out of the train and held at Portsmouth Ohio, without a dinner.

## A Card of Thanks.

Mr. W. H. Isham and children desire to extend their sincere thanks to their many friends for kindnesses shown during the long illness of our beloved wife and mother, Mrs. Ella A. Isham.

Also for the many beautiful tokens of sympathy sent by the neighbors and friends on occasion of her death.

## HAMPTON SUMMER SCHOOL 12 WEEKS SESSION.

Hampton, Va., May 23.--The Hampton Institute summer session for teachers will begin on June 19. The first half will close on July 25 and the second half will close on September 2. Dr. George P. Henrich, Hampton's vice-principal, who is the director of the summer school, announces that forty-one instructors will teach eighty-four courses, divided into four groups; one and two, those leading to Virginia Elementary Certificates, Primary Grades and Grammar Grades; three, those leading to Virginia Special Certificate High School; four, those not included under one, two and three. Doctor Henrich has worked out ten distinct programs to meet the educational needs of colored teachers. Detailed information has been given in the "Hampton Bulletin" for April.

Mrs. Ora Stovall, of Mechanics, Va. has been a subscriber to The Planet for 24 years.

Mr. Robert D. Crawley, 811 Pa. Ave., Pike, South Richmond, is confined to bed.

Mrs. Janie B. Watts, of Natupet Bridge, Va., is in the city visiting relatives and friends, 2405 Carrington St., Richmond, Va.

Dr. W. J. Pettis is the proud owner of the latest model Packard Single Six seven passenger touring car.

Mrs. Lucy Lockett, and Mrs. Florence Wilson, both Deputy Grand Worthy Counselors assisted in making the court at Liberty Hall near Danville, Va., recently.

# COLORED VOTE WENT TO PROGRESSIVES

LEADERS CLAIM CREDIT FOR VICTORIES OF BOTH PINCHOT AND BEVERIDGE.

Washington, May 19. It became known here today that the Negro voters in Pennsylvania and Indiana played a very important part in the recent primaries and that their influence and votes were used largely against Pinchot and Beveridge and against Alder and New.

The World was informed by the local leader of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People that other leading Administration Congressmen are slated for slaughter by Negro voters because of their opposition to or indifference toward the Anti-Lynching and other uplift legislation pending in Congress.

"We told our leaders in Pennsylvania to go to the bad and strong for Mr. Pinchot," said Shelby Davidson representative of the Association. "We sent him a query asking him how he stood, as we did Attorney General Alder, and he answered promptly with a promise of support and his opponent never replied."

Davidson said Republicans who voted against the Dyer Anti-Lynching Bill that passed the House and is now in the Senate will be fought to the last minute on Election Day. He pointed out that Representative Kelly of Michigan would be defeated in his fight against Senator Townsend for the Senate because he voted against Dyer Bill in the House.

"We are marking men in this campaign," said Davidson, "and they will be measured by our own yardsticks. If they are not for us they are against us."

The Negro support Representative Dyer said today was responsible to a marked degree for the nomination of Pinchot and the defeat of New. He predicted Negroes would be heard from again before the campaign is over. In most of the States where there is a Senatorial campaign.

## LOCAL N. A. A. C. P. GETS COL. ROBERT T. KERLIN TO SPEAK HERE.

At True Reformers' Hall, Monday Night June 5th, Dr. Robert T. Kerlin will speak in the interest of the Local Branch of the N. A. A. C. P., on the subject: "Dreams and Dreamers." Dr. Kerlin held the Chair of English at the Virginia Military Institute at Lexington, Va., and because he wrote a letter of defense on behalf of victims of the Elaine, Arkansas riots, bespeaking common justice for defenseless Negroes, the Board of Governors of the Institute dismissed him from the faculty.

Prof. Kerlin has served his country as Chaplain in the Army during the Spanish-American War and is a foremost educator of the white youth of the nation. He is a Missourian, by birth, but of parents coming from Kentucky--a true Southerner by blood.

He is a Ph. D., Yale 1906, and was a well equipped to speak on racial subjects, having been a member of the Inter-Racial Committee of Virginia. His book, "The Voice of the Negro" created a furor in certain quarters and his open letter to the Governor of Arkansas was the "last straw" causing his dismissal.

President Wm. F. Denny, of the Richmond Branch N. A. A. C. P., is heading a membership campaign for the Association and Prof. Kerlin has agreed to speak in the interest of the work on the night of the 5th of June. With eleven years of professorship, of institutions of learning and his general natural ability, Prof. Kerlin will doubt prove a source of refreshing mental relaxation from the common place. Admission will be free, tickets only and the tickets are on sale by officers of the Association or may be had from the office of the President at 113 East Leigh Street.

At a recent meeting of the Association Mrs. L. L. Stannard was elected Secretary to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. G. N. Lewis. Rev. W. R. Hoverton, Pastor of Third Street Bethel A. M. E. Church will be the speaker for the Association on Sunday May 28th at Rising Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Fulton. Prof. Nelson Williams of the High School Faculty holds the platform in interest of the work Monday night, May 29th at 8 o'clock in Moore Street Baptist church.

The Great Choral Club Contest will take place at Fifth Street Baptist Church, Tuesday night, May 30th. Special features also on program.

# EDITOR MITCHELL'S TRAVELS

I had made an engagement to speak Sunday, April 30th at South Boston, Va., and I finally decided to go by roadway in my Stanley Steam Car. As I had some other work to do, Mrs. Lucy Cross, Mrs. L. E. Scott and Miss Eva G. Davis constituted the party, while Robinson Davis, although somewhat indisposed, decided to take charge of the wheel.

We left Richmond, Saturday, April 29th at 10:15 A. M. We had gotten within about six miles of Petersburg when the oil blinder refused to budge. As this would ruin the engine from lack of oil, there was nothing to do, but stop and adjust it. We arrived at Petersburg, somewhat behind schedule.

## ON TO BLACKSTONE.

We did not tarry, but hurried on to Blackstone, Va., where Mrs. Jennie V. Jackson was expecting us. It was about one o'clock when we arrived there. Miss Helen Cephas, instructor in the school there, was present also to greet us. Mrs. Jackson soon had luncheon served. We remained more than an hour and finally started out for South Hill, from which point, we were to branch off to Clarksville. The Stanley Steam Car seemed as much of a curiosity at every stop we made as was P. T. Barnum's "What is it?" Robinson was questioned and he gave most of his answers in monosyllables.

## BUFFALO LITHIA SPRINGS.

For the first time in my life, I was in Clarksville and this village presented certain characteristics applicable to Williamsburg, Va. and Yorktown. We took the Buffalo Lithia Springs route and were soon at this celebrated Virginia resort, noted for its health giving water, which is a specific for all diseases of the kidney, liver and bladder. I had known Mr. A. R. Holderby, who is in charge. He was the editor and owner of the Richmond Evening Journal and had given up that project to take charge of this famous resort.

## A REMARKABLE PLANT.

I saw him and approached with my usual jovial smile. He was surprised and he welcomed me to the grounds. This is a wonderful place. I inspected the bottling plant where is put up the famous Number 2 water. He has every device, contrivance and chemical methods for sterilizing the waters that go out. Only new bottles are used. A colored man was at work there. The season had not opened. The structure, which appeared to be new or of recent construction was a model of cleanliness and neatness. A laboratory expert was kept on the grounds. He had cases of water ready for shipment and the fields of activity extended from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from Canada to the Gulf.

## A DAM BUILT.

Large shipments are made also to Europe. There are 1500 acres in the Buffalo Springs property and Mr. Holderby has built a lake covering 15 acres. It is stocked with fish. So many are there that Mr. Holderby stated that he amused himself catching them and then throwing them back into the water. He gave us a bottle of the No. 2 water. This place is destined to be a great world's resort. We were about to leave and we passed out to the road. (Continued on Second Page.)

## BURNED AT STAKE FOR THE MURDER OF WOMAN.

Mob Lynches Another Alleged Assassin Six Miles From Scene.

Davidson, Ga., May 18.--Following his confession that he robbed and murdered Mrs. William Kitchin 22, rural mail carrier of this city, Charlie Atkins, 15 year old colored youth was burned at the stake at 6 o'clock tonight.

The lynching occurred at 11 o'clock of the murder, with hundreds of persons from several counties looking on. After being tortured with a low fire for fifteen minutes the mob loosed the trace chains that held Atkins to a pine tree and placed his seared body in the middle of the main highway.

Atkins, the witness, said named John Henry Tarver, another colored boy whom he said was the only other person connected with it.

It was reported here at 11 o'clock tonight that a mob of several hundred persons had looted John Henry Tarver about six miles from here along Stone Creek.